

SELECTIONS

From

Vivaldi's String Concertos (cont.)

For

Alto, Tenor, Bass Trombone and Tuba

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MUSIC for the

BAROQUE BONE SQUAD

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About the Composer

The three great innovators of the 17th century, Monteverdi(1567-1643), Giovanni Gabrieli (1556?-1612) and Corelli (1653-1713) can easily be paired with the three masters of the 18th, Handel (1685-1759), Bach (1685-1750) and Vivaldi (1678-1741). The circumstances of the connections, however, differ greatly. From the operas of Monteverdi to the operas of Handel, there are two complete generations of composers, highlighted by the careers of Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676) and Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725), both of whom were quite famous during their lifetimes. From the sacred concertos of Gabrieli to the cantatas of Bach, there are also two generations of composers, represented most vividly by the careers of Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), a celebrated student of Gabrieli and Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), a much lesser known composer. In contrast, Corelli was not only alive, but in the prime of his career when Vivaldi started his own creative output. The first three Opus numbers of Vivaldi (sets of Trio Sonatas, Solo Sonatas and Concerti Grossi) mimic exactly the progression of Corelli's Op. 4-6, with all three owing much to the style of Corelli. The operatic and sacred compositions of Vivaldi are certainly underrated, though no one would claim he reached the level of Handel and Bach, the acknowledged masters of the two genres. His concerti, though, were of profound influence, particularly since he successfully developed the Concerto Grosso into a virtuoso solo concerto form that remains captivating to modern audiences. The examples in this collection are youthful compositions, undoubtedly written for his students at the "Ospedale della Pieta", an orphanage for young females that used his concerts as a major fund raising tool. These String Concertos closely resemble the Sinfonias first written as Preludes to Operas; eventually developing into the modern Symphony.

About the arranger

Bob Reifsnyder, a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, has two degrees from Juilliard and a Doctorate from Indiana University. As a trombone teacher, he has served on the faculties of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Ithaca College. As a professional trombonist, he has been a member of the West Point band, the National Orchestra of New York, the Spoleto Festival orchestra, Goldman Band, Ringling Brothers, the German orchestras of Bielefeld, Kaiserslautern and Solingen, Terre Haute Symphony, Tri-Cities Opera, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Manitowoc Symphony and the Wisconsin Philharmonic. As a gig musician, he has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the orchestras of Wuppertal and Dusseldorf in Germany, L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Syracuse Symphony, Binghamton Pops, Ithaca Opera, the Wisconsin orchestras of Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Green Bay and the Fox Valley Symphony.

Notes for this arrangement

1. **Performance-** Vivaldi did indeed write continuo parts for all of these works, but their inclusion is hardly necessary to give a sense of completeness. As a result, public performance is highly encouraged.
2. **Clef reading-** These arrangements will hopefully serve as advanced clef practice for trombonists playing the first and second parts. It is unfortunate that clef reading skills don't seem to be a priority for many contemporary trombone teachers, but the ability to transpose at sight remains a prerequisite for becoming an excellent professional musician. Please keep in mind that the first time one has to ask a conductor for a transposed part is likely the last time one will perform with that ensemble!
3. **Scoring-** The string concertos were scored for two violins, viola and basso continuo. The original notes have been infrequently exchanged in these arrangements, since the four voices are almost always in four different ranges.
4. **Range-** The basic range of these transcriptions is from high D to low G, to accommodate a C tuba. These arrangements are also quite suitable for performance by a viola, trombone, cello and string bass, which offers a wonderful chamber music experience for a trombonist.
5. **Tempi-** All tempi are suggestions, not requirements. They are based on three tenets of Baroque performance:
 - A, triple tempi are faster than duple tempi
 - B: music with quarter and half notes as the fastest value have faster tempi
 - C. music with eighth and sixteenth notes as the fastest value have slower tempi
6. **Dynamics-** Only three dynamic levels are used in these arrangements (mf,mp,p) and they are also suggestions as well. If one wants to expand the dynamic range a bit, there is certainly no issue with using "f,mp,pp" instead. The use of dynamics here is almost never an indication of the relative importance of the four independent lines, in direct contrast to the use of dynamics in volumes 11-12 (Bach). Instead, the dynamics are meant to contrast musical sections.
7. **Breathing-** There are no breath marks in these transcriptions; that is perhaps the most personal decision a brass player ever makes. There are, however, notes left out in extended passages that would be otherwise impossible to perform well, hopefully in the most appropriate locations.

Tuba

Adagio from RV138

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60



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Tuba

Allegro from RV138

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$

1 *mf* *mp* *mf*

5 *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

10 *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

15 *mp* *mf*

20 *mp* *mf* *mp* *p*

25 *mp* *mf*

30 *mp* *p*

34 *mf* *mp*

39

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 39-43. Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *mf*.

44

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 44-48. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*.

49

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 49-52. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

53

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 53-57. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*.

58

Musical staff 5: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 58-62. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*.

63

Musical staff 6: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 63-67. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*.

68

Musical staff 7: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 68-72. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*, *mp*, *mf*.

73

Musical staff 8: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 73-76. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mp*, *mf*.

77

Musical staff 9: Bass clef, 4/4 time signature, measures 77-80.

Tuba

Allegro molto from RV140

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf mp

5 mf

9 mp p mf mp p

12 mp

15 mf

17

20 mp mp

24 p mp

27

mf *mp*

31

p *mf* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

35

p *mp*

38

mf

41

mp

45

p *mp*

49

mf

Tuba

Allegro assai from RV140

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

mf *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

12

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

23

mf *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

33

mp *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

43

mp *mf* *p* *mp*

53

mf *mp* *mf*

Tuba

Andante molto from RV141

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 45$

mf mp

9

mf mp mf mp

17

p mf mp p

25

mp mf

32

mp mf mp p

40

mf

Tuba

Allegro molto from RV141

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 132

mf mp mf mp

9
mf mp p mp

18
p mf

27
mp mf mp p mp

36
p mf

Tuba

Andante from RV142

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 70



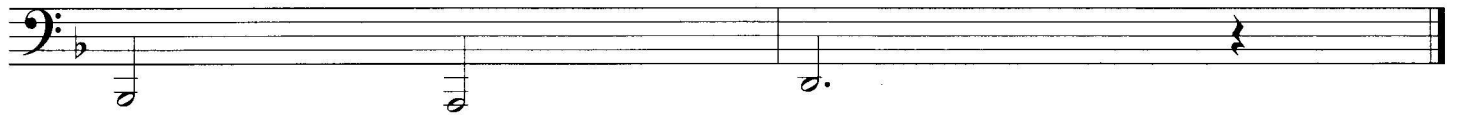
p

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mp *p*

13



Tuba

Allegro molto from RV142

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 110

mf mp

7
mf mp p mp

13
mf mf mp

20
mf

27
mp mf mp

34
mf

Tuba

Adagio from RV143

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 60$



6

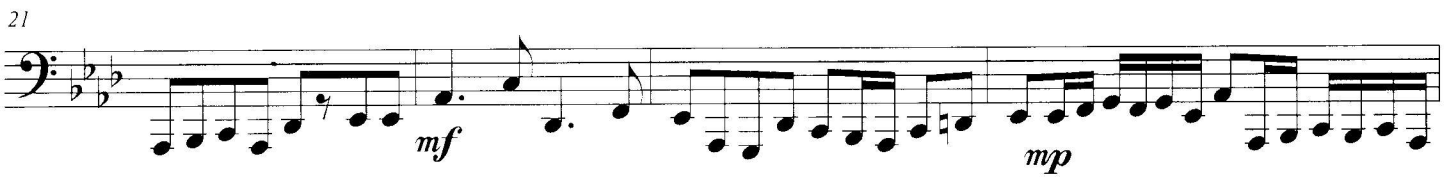
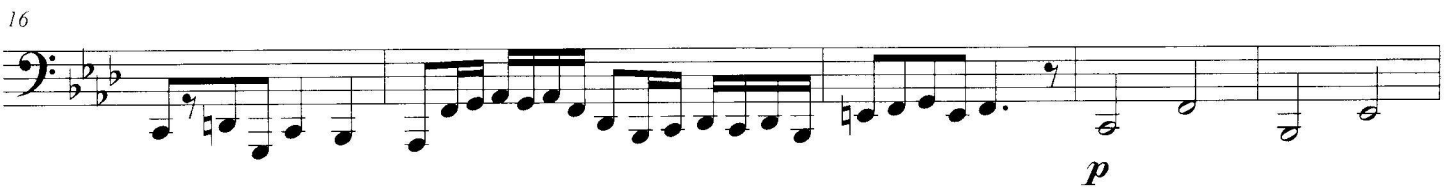
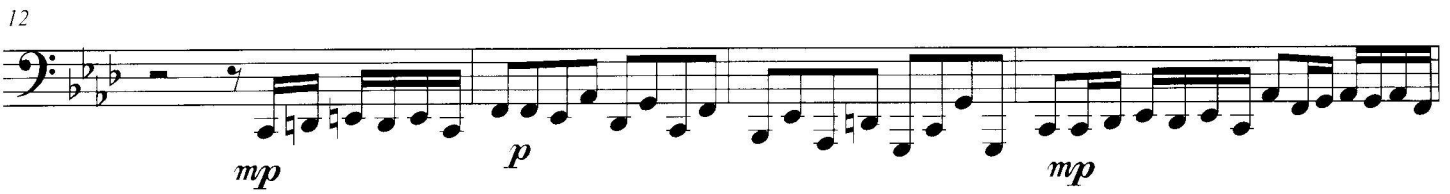


Tuba

Allegro from RV143

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 90$



39

mp *mf*

44

mp

47

p *mp*

51

p *mp*

55

mf

58

mp *mf* *p*

63

mp *p*

67

p *mf*

Tuba

Allegro from RV145

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

mf mp

8
p mf mp

17
p mf

24
mp p mf

33
mp p mf

41
mp p mp

48
mf mp p mf

56
p mp mf

65

p *mp* *mf*

74

mp *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

82

mp *mf*

Tuba

Presto from RV145

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

mf mp mf

11

mp mf mp mf

Tuba

Largo from RV150

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 75

mf p mf p mf p

8

mp p mf

16

p

Tuba

Allegro from RV150

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 100

8

13

19

26

32

39

46

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

mf *mp* *mf*

mp *p* *mp*

mf *mp* *p*

mp *mf* *mp* *p*

mp

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

p *mp* *mf*

Allegro from RV150

52

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 52. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *mp*, *mf*, and *mp*.

58

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 58. The staff contains a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *mp*.

65

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), starting at measure 65. The staff contains a sequence of notes with a dynamic marking *mf*.

Tuba

Adagio from RV151

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

7

14

p *mp* *mf*

mp *p* *mp* *mf*

p

Tuba

Allegro from RV151

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 70$

Musical staff 1: Tuba part, measures 1-8. Key signature: one sharp (F#). Time signature: 2/4. Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*.

9

Musical staff 2: Tuba part, measures 9-17. Dynamics: *mf*.

18

Musical staff 3: Tuba part, measures 18-26. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*.

27

Musical staff 4: Tuba part, measures 27-34. Dynamics: *mf*.

35

Musical staff 5: Tuba part, measures 35-43. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*.

44

Musical staff 6: Tuba part, measures 44-52. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mf*.

Tuba

Allegro from RV152

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90

mf mp mf mp mf mp mp

8

mf mp p mp

16

mf mp p

25

mp mf mp

33

p mp mf

40

mp p mp

47

p mp mf

56

mp mf mp mf mp mf mp mf

64

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, B-flat major key signature, starting at measure 64. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings *mp* and *mf* are present.

71

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, B-flat major key signature, starting at measure 71. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings *mp*, *mf*, *mp*, *mf*, *mp*, and *p* are present.

80

Musical staff 3: Bass clef, B-flat major key signature, starting at measure 80. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic marking *mp* is present.

88

Musical staff 4: Bass clef, B-flat major key signature, starting at measure 88. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings *mf*, *mp*, *p*, and *mf* are present.

Tuba

Allegro molto from RV152

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

$\text{♩} = 90$

Musical staff 1: Tuba part, measures 1-5. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). Measures 1-4 contain whole rests. Measure 5 contains a quarter note G2 and a quarter note F2, both marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

6

Musical staff 2: Tuba part, measures 6-12. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 6-12 contain a continuous eighth-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

13

Musical staff 3: Tuba part, measures 13-19. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 13-15 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Measures 16-19 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

20

Musical staff 4: Tuba part, measures 20-25. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 20-25 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

26

Musical staff 5: Tuba part, measures 26-31. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 26-28 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 29-31 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

32

Musical staff 6: Tuba part, measures 32-35. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 32-35 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

36

Musical staff 7: Tuba part, measures 36-40. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 36-40 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

41

Musical staff 8: Tuba part, measures 41-45. The staff continues in bass clef with two flats. Measures 41-42 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 43-45 contain a quarter-note pattern starting on G2, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

47

mf

53

mp

59

p *mf*

65

mp

70

p *mf*

76

mp

82

mp *p*

89

97

p *mf* *mp* *p* *mf*

Tuba

Andante from RV153

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 70

mf

5

p

9

14

mp

18

mf

23

mp

28

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Allegro from RV153

57

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 57-64. The staff contains a sequence of notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1. A slur covers measures 58-61. Dynamics: *p* at measure 58, *mf* at measure 62.

65

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 65-72. The staff contains a sequence of notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1. Dynamics: *p* at measure 66. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Tuba

Adagio from RV154

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, C major key signature, common time. The first measure starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

6

Musical staff 2: Continuation of the melody from staff 1, starting at measure 6.

12

Musical staff 3: Continuation of the melody from staff 2, starting at measure 12. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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Tuba

Allegro from RV154

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 50

mf

6

mp p

10

mf mp p mp

17

mf mp p mf

22

mp p

28

mp mf mp p mf

34

mp p

37

mf

♩. = 50

44

mf

49

mp *p*

52

mf *p*

57

mp *mf*

Tuba

Adagio from RV155

Vivaldi
Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 60

5

9

13

17

21

mf

mp

p

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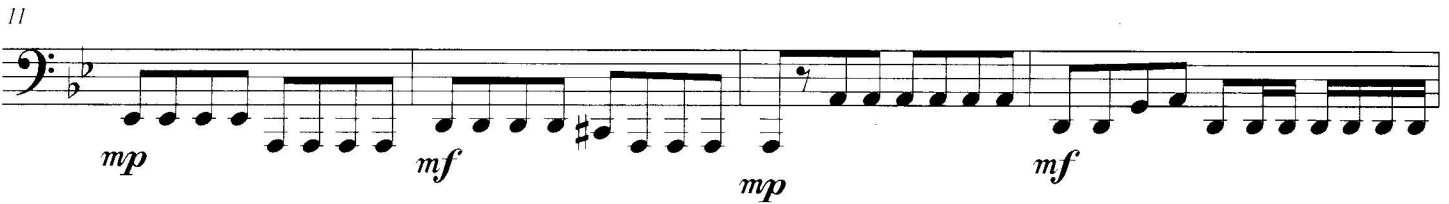
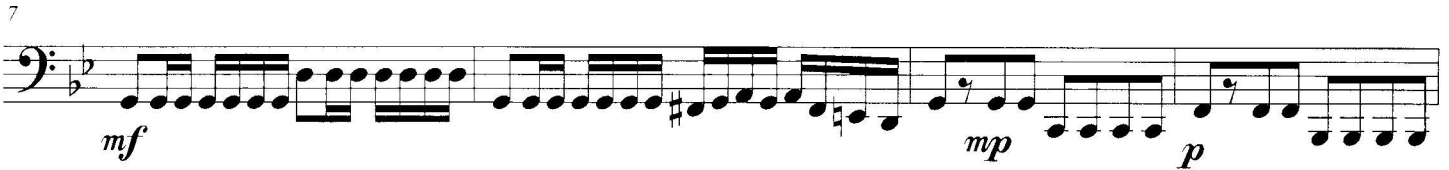
Tuba

Allegro from RV155

Vivaldi

Bob Reifsnyder

♩ = 90



35

Musical staff 1: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, starting at measure 35. It features a series of eighth-note runs followed by a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note, all marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

40

Musical staff 2: Bass clef, key signature of one flat, starting at measure 40. It features a series of eighth-note runs and a quarter note, marked with piano (*p*), mezzo-piano (*mp*), and mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamics.